

## “WHAT’S A FAMILY FOR?”

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### Key Verses:

*“The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.”* Genesis 2:18, 24 (NIV)

*“Homes are built on the foundation of wisdom and understanding.”* Proverbs 24:3 (GN)

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Three predictable stages in marriage:

### STAGE ONE: THE HAPPY HONEYMOON

For reference: The Song of Solomon 2:2-5, 8

Five words that describe this stage:

- \* INTENSITY
- \* IDEALISM
- \* INDULGENCE
- \* INFATUATION
- \* IGNORANCE

### STAGE TWO: THE PARTY’S OVER

For reference: Proverbs 27:15-16, James 4:1-2

Five words that describe this stage:

- \* DULLNESS
- \* DISAGREEMENTS
- \* DEFENSIVENESS
- \* DISAPPROVAL
- \* DISAPPOINTMENT

## STAGE THREE: MATURE LOVE

For reference: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Five words that describe this stage:

TENDERNESS

RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY

UNDERSTANDING

SECURITY

TRUTHFUL & TRUSTING

How to make it to Stage 3 in your marriage:

1. OPEN UP
2. GIVE UP
3. GROW UP